

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the issues raised in the above referenced Office Action is respectfully solicited.

The specification has been amended to provide proper section headings and to delete references to the claims therein. Further, the Abstract has been amended to delete a reference to Figure 2 and to delete legal phraseology therein. The amendments to the specification and Abstract conform with USPTO practice and approval is respectfully requested.

Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter in Claims 9, 11, 12, 15, 16, 18-20 and 22. Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of cancelled dependent Claim 22 and thus now is allowable. Likewise, Claim 9 has been rewritten in independent form to include the features of Claims 1, 6 and 8. Allowable dependent Claims 11, 15, 18 and 20 have been rewritten in independent form to include the features of parent Claim 1. The claims have also been amended to delete reference numerals and to otherwise comply with USPTO practice.

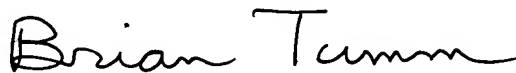
Since the claims have been amended to generally accept the allowable subject matter as set forth in the Office Action, allowance is respectfully requested.

Added dependent Claim 23 includes the phrase "light-emitting diodes", which was not positively recited in original Claim 18. Claim 23 is allowable for the same reasons as parent Claim 18.

The rejections of claims based on Anderson, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5 815 242 and McGettigan, et al., U.S. Patent No. 6 827 450 are believed moot in view of the amendments accepting the allowed claims.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully solicited.

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